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(e) whether the members who brought this to the notice of the Government were nominated members?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) The Council passed a resolution increasing the pay of the engineer.

(c) The answer is in the affirmative.

(d) The dissenting minutes contain certain allegations as to losses.

(e) The answer is in the affirmative.

Income of the district and taluk boards of Salem.

352 Q.—Mr. K. A. Kandaswami Kandar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is possible to obtain information regarding the diminution in the items of income of the district and taluk boards of Salem and find out the causes for the same?

A.—The Government do not understand what information the hon. Member desires.

Introduction of permanent settlement in the ryotwari holdings.

353 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the action taken by the Government upon the resolution passed by the Council recommending the introduction of permanent settlement in the ryotwari holdings in the Presidency?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 180.

Re-grouping of districts in the Presidency.

354 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there are any proposals for re-grouping the districts of this Presidency, and, if so, to place them on the table?

A.—The Government have called for proposals for the amalgamation of the Madras and Chingleput districts and the reconstitution of the districts of Gōdāvari, Kistna and Vizagapatam. The proposals have not yet been received.

Re-adjustment of revenue divisions and taluks in the Nellore district.

355 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there are any proposals for the re-adjustment of the revenue divisions and taluks in the Nellore district, and, if so, to place them on the table?

A.—The Government have called for proposals from the Collector of Nellore.

Irrigation projects in the Nellore district.

356 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the various irrigation projects which have been investigated in the Nellore district since the date of publication of the report of the Indian Irrigation Commission, 1901-1903, and the result of such investigations?